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"THANK GOD, WE KEPT THE FLAG FLYING!"

CRONJÉ AND THE 4600 PRISONERS "BOBS" CAPTURED

LORD ROBERTS SOON ON THE TRAIL AGAIN.

THE GREAT HEART OF LONDON was moved to the core by the joyful news of the Relief of Ladysmith. Such scenes of uncontrolled excitement can hardly ever have been witnessed before in the Metropolis. The Englishman's usual quiet reserve was abandoned entirely on that wild Thursday, March the First. It was kept as a Carnival of Gladness at the succour given at last by General Sir Redvers Buller to Sir George White and his half-clemmed garrison.

CELEBRATING THE RELIEF OF LADYSMITH: SCENES IN LONDON.

The City Began It.

That extremely sensitive, patriotic, and kind-hearted body, the Stock Exchange brotherhood, marched to the Mansion House in the picturesque, not to say theatrical, style shown by a *P.I.P.* Artist in his Drawing, crowned by a jolly Jack Tar taking a Union Jack to the top of a giant lamp-post. Men shook hands with strangers, threw hats in the air, shouted "Rule, Britannia," and offered drinks in the streets; and the large space in front of the Bank and Royal Exchange and our Hotel de Ville was soon filled with clamouring people. The Lord Mayor stood on the balcony of the Mansion House, and congratulated the citizens at the very moment, maybe, when the telegraph cables were bearing our beloved Queen's right royal message of congratulation to Buller and his brave soldiers.

The West End Processions

in the afternoon and evening were wonderfully animated. Especially earnest was the well-marshalled regiment of students from the South Kensington Colleges, who, marching after the banner held by their strong-armed comrades, Mr. Behr and Mr. Phil Lewis, stopped to pay fitting tribute before the town houses of Sir George White, Colonel Baden-Powell, Mr. Chamberlain, and also at Buckingham Palace, Marlborough House, the War and Foreign Offices. Countless miniature Union Jacks were waved and horns blown by small bands of young men. In fine, the great city demonstrated in the most enthusiastic and lively manner its fervent satisfaction at the long-looked-for relief offered at the eleventh hour to the steadfast defenders of Ladysmith. It was possibly in appreciation of her loyal Londoners' grand outburst of patriotism that

The Queen

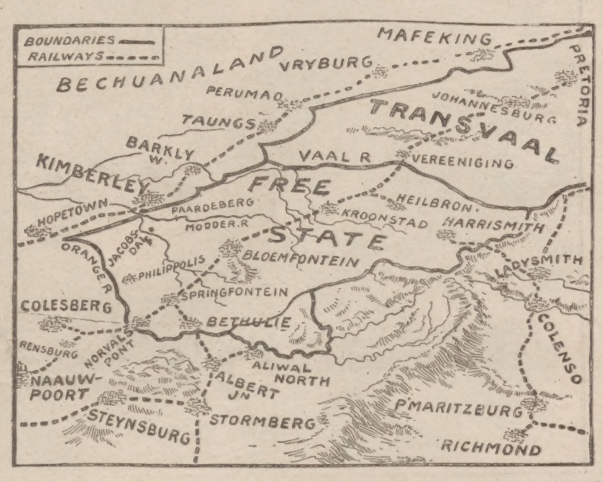
determined to pay a visit to the Metropolis on the Thursday of this week, signifying by her gracious presence her hearty approval of the fine public spirit displayed by her loving People.

The Storming of Pieters Hill

followed so swiftly by the arrival of General Buller at his goal) was a gallant achievement; and it may be depended upon that our intrepid soldiers fought with intrepidity all the greater from remembering how many of the brave Inniskillings fell fighting on the same height the previous week. These courageous Irishmen, along with the English battalions, fought like lions on Friday, Feb. 23. Reuter's Correspondent said—"The Boers in the trenches on the hill disregarded both lyddite and shrapnel. The men stood up in turns and discharged the rifles handed to them. It was a sight as grim as death when the Inniskilling Fusiliers led the advance by half companies, and one was forced to hold one's breath while watching them. On they went in face of a murderous fire, until the leading company reached a declivity, which was not apparent until they were in it. The enemy's fire grew in intensity as our men advanced, and so long as the Boers were so well supported on either side, it was impossible for any of the Inniskillings to reach the trenches alive. Night fell, and our men retired, by no means discomfited."

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, the anniversary of Majuba, the Boer position on Pieters Hill was successfully stormed. Since the attack on Friday, Feb. 23, the whole face of the position was shelled at intervals, but from an early hour on the Tuesday morning the Boer trenches directly on our front, and on the nek separating Pieters Hill from another hill, were simply strewn with lyddite and shrapnel. How any human being could live on the hill was a mystery. General Barton led his command to the extreme right, while Colonel Kitchener, who had assumed command of General Wynne's Brigade, stormed the

LONDON'S REJOICINGS AT THE RELIEF OF LADYSMITH: JACK THE HERO OF THE PIECE, AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE MEN SUPERS.



THE SEAT OF THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA, SHOWING THE POSITIONS OF PAARDEBERG AND RELIEVED LADYSMITH. &c.

centre, the brigade under Colonel Norcott meanwhile attacking Railway Hill. The infantry on the right advanced over the hill, forcing the enemy on to the nek, while Colonel Kitchener took his men over the railway. He met with little opposition. The enemy remained in the trench from which such a terrible cross-fire had been directed against our troops on the previous Friday.

The Central News representative said the Royal Lancasters swept over the nek, and carried trench after trench. About five in the evening they ran up to the top of Pieters Hill and waved their helmets aloft on the points of their bayonets. This was the signal for a great outburst of cheering.

The West Surreys and Devons, who held the hills on the left, then advanced to intercept the retreating Boers, who, however, went off in the direction of Umbulwana Mountain. All along the line the same story of splendid gallantry performed by our troops has to be recorded. A Lieutenant of the Lancaster Regiment and some of his men carried the wounded back under a heavy fire. A private picked up Lieutenant Vaughan within fifty yards of the Boer trenches, and carried him to a place of safety.

After the capture of Pieters Hill some children were found in the Boer trenches. One little one had been left behind wrapped in a blanket.

Saved by the Queen's Chocolate.

The life of Private Humphrey, of the 2nd Lancaster Regiment, was saved at Grobler's Kloof by a bullet embedding itself in the box of Queen's chocolate which he was carrying in his haversack. The box has been sent to the Queen.

Dundonald's Dash into Ladysmith.

One of the most gentle and popular Special War Correspondents penned for months within Ladysmith was Mr. Henry H. S. Pearse, the able representative of the *Daily News*, in which he has so vividly described the siege. Mr. Pearse's meeting with his son, sketched by a *P.I.P.* Artist, should be of particular interest to our readers, inasmuch as his gallant son is the "Trooper Tommy" of the *P.I.P.*—a smart ex-Lancer to whom we bade farewell but a few months ago, when he left England to join the Imperial Light Horse, in which he was soon promoted to be Lieutenant.

"The first sight of the British troops marching to our relief," wrote Mr. Pearse, sen., on Thursday, March 1, "was gained when it was nearly dark, but our people thronged about the drift where the coming column must cross the river. [This was on Wednesday, Feb. 28.] Lord Dundonald, who was at their head, was welcomed by General Brocklehurst. When his name was heard, the cheering was louder than ever, for he was already well known here in connection with his daring leadership of the Irregular Horse. The troops with him were composed of the Imperial Light Horse, the Natal Carbineers, the Natal Mounted Rifles and Police, a hundred and seventy all told.

"Sir George White, on his way to meet the troops, was hemmed in by a cheering crowd of soldiers and civilians, to whom he spoke as follows—

"'Men, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support and help, which I shall acknowledge to the end of my life. It hurt me to cut down your rations, but I promise I will not do so again. Thank God, we kept the flag flying!' Louder cheers than ever were followed by the singing of 'God Save the Queen.'"

Sir George White's Welcome to Sir Redvers Buller.

The same indefatigable *Daily News* representative, Mr. Pearse, reported that General Buller and his staff arrived in Ladysmith for the first time on Thursday, March 1, and entered the town unnoticed, since he was not expected so soon, and his cavalry, which had been coming in during the morning, distracted attention. The news of his arrival, however, soon spread,

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The *Daily Mail's* war man said: "This discomfort is borne by all alike. General Buller and his Staff are virtually living the life of the private. There has not been even a tent to cover the commanding Generals. They eat from their knees, with their shoulders against a rock; they sleep where they can, and the field-work is carried on under a transport-wagon."

HOW BULLER DINED DURING HIS SUCCESSFUL ADVANCE TO LADYSMITH.

CRONJE'S SURRENDER OF 4600 BOERS TO LORD ROBERTS: JUBILANT BOERS CROSSING THE RIVER TO "BOBS'S" CAMP.

and General White and his staff went out to receive him. Their meeting was most cordial, the people adding to its warmth by their enthusiasm and their hearty welcome to Buller.

Reuter's Correspondent added that General Buller officially entered Ladysmith shortly after noon next day (Friday, March 2). The people congregated in the streets and cheered him as he passed. Sir Redvers rode straight to the convent, where he has established his headquarters.

Here General White and his staff met him, and cheers were given heartily for General Buller, General White, Lady White, and the members of General White's staff.

General Buller, standing on the steps, said: "Let us not forget the civilians of Ladysmith, who have borne themselves like good and true soldiers throughout this very trying time. Let us give three cheers for the civilians of Ladysmith." The cheers called for were given with great enthusiasm.

The Mayor, Mr. Farquhar, then presented an illuminated address of joyous welcome and thanks to Sir Redvers Buller, who may be relied upon to keep it among his most-prized treasures in his Devon home.

Twenty-two Thousand Troops March Into Ladysmith.

On Sunday morning last General Buller, at the head of his victorious troops, marched into Ladysmith, and was received with the wildest enthusiasm by the inhabitants, who had been cooped up in the town for 118 days. The Mayor, Mr. Farquhar, presented an address of welcome to Sir Redvers Buller, who replied that he was glad to keep it among his most-prized treasures in his Devon home.

We quote the following from the *Daily Mail* with particular pleasure, because Lieutenant Puxley Pearse is the *P.I.P.'s* own "Trooper Tommy"—Good Luck to him: "One of the most dramatic scenes in the relief of Ladysmith was the meeting of Mr. W. Puxley Pearse, a war-correspondent of the *Daily Mail*, and also a Lieutenant in the South African Light Horse, with his father, Mr. H. H. S. Pearse, the *Daily News* correspondent in the besieged town. It is strange but true, that until the son entered Ladysmith with Lord Dundonald's column, the father did not even know that he was in South Africa."

MEETING OF MR. PEARSE, OF THE "DAILY NEWS," WITH HIS SON, THE "P.I.P.'S" "TROOPER TOMMY."

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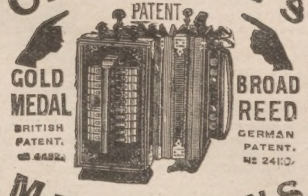

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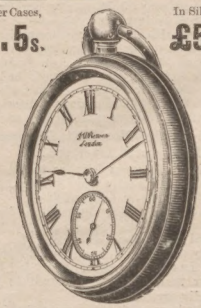

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head of his column, 22,000 strong, marched into Ladysmith. The van was led by the Dublin Fusiliers, who have earned the honour by their losses and their gallantry. Of the original battalion only 400 remain, according to the *Times* correspondent.

Sir George White and his Staff, on horseback (said the *Standard* Correspondent) took up their position in front of the Town Hall, whose shattered tower and broken walls formed a fitting background for the historic and impressive spectacle. The pipes and drums of the Gordon Highlanders played past each battalion of the Relief Column as it came up. Sir Redvers Buller and his Staff rode at the head of the troops, with an escort of Irregular Horse. Sir Charles Warren followed at the head of the Fifth Division, and after General Barton's Brigade came General Lyttelton's Division, the Commander of which came in for special recognition.

Each regiment marched past in review order, and as they passed the Town Hall, raised cheers for Sir George White, who was manifestly much affected. The Boer prisoners witnessed the triumphal entry from the balcony of the jail.

Mr. Harding Davis, in a telegram to the *Daily Mail*, says: The entrance of General Buller was as affecting as the Jubilee procession, as magnificent as the Czar's entrance into Moscow, as full of enthusiasm as Admiral Dewey's welcome to New York.

The two battalions of Devons, who had already been used instead of beef, and another concoction substituted for meat extracts. Horse soup is in great demand, but without bread, biscuits, mealies, and meal these foods would have been barely sufficient to stave off starvation for another week.

"We can afford to wait a few days longer for the luxuries which we have not seen for several months, and of the bare necessities we still have some to go on with, though there is no need now to conceal the fact that supplies only sufficient for four days on full rations remain here."

The telegraph-wire between Colenso and Ladysmith was absolutely congested with numerous messages. Nine tons of mail letters were delivered in Ladysmith on March 2.

Melton Prior's Panegyric of the Brave Women of Ladysmith.

As is well known, Mr. Melton Prior has contributed to the *Illustrated London News* far and away the most comprehensive and interesting drawings illustrative of the prolonged Boer siege of Ladysmith. It has been difficult for the printing presses to keep pace with the extraordinary public demand for the *Illustrated London News*, which has increased its vast sale enormously during the war, and is likely to command a much larger circulation still when the fresh budget of sketches from Melton Prior comes to be published in the *I.L.N.*

This *doyen* of Special War Artists, who has served the *Illustrated London News* with such

"This apparently clinched matters, for at daylight to-day a letter signed by Cronjé, in which he stated that he surrendered unconditionally, was brought to our outpost under a flag of truce. In my reply I told Cronjé that he must present himself at my camp, and that his force must come out of their laager after laying down their arms.

"By seven a.m. I received General Cronjé, and despatched a telegram to you announcing the fact. In the course of conversation, he asked for kind treatment at our hands, and also that his wife, grandson, private secretary, adjutant, and servants might accompany him wherever he might be sent. I reassured him, and told him his request would be complied with.

"I informed him that a General officer would be sent with him to Cape Town to ensure his being treated with proper respect *en route*. He will start this afternoon under the charge of Major-General Pretyman, who will hand him over to the General commanding at Cape Town. The prisoners, who number about 3000, will be formed into commandoes under their own officers. They also will leave here to-day, reaching Modder River to-morrow, where they will be railed to Cape Town in detachments."

The actual number of the Boer prisoners, underestimated by Cronjé, was 4600.

The Boer Laager.

On the day Cronjé surrendered, Reuter's smart correspondent visited the Boer laager, and said it had given him great pleasure to assist Kimberley in its time of trouble, and he was glad that he had had an opportunity of paying the town a visit. He found he had a day off, and so he had come, but he would have to leave to-morrow. Mr. Rhodes entertained Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener at Kimberley before his departure for Cape Town.

Lord Roberts's Fresh Advance.

The *Standard* Correspondent, wiring on March 3, said—

Lord Roberts's army is occupying a most advantageous position. The Sixth Division (Lieutenant-General Kelly-Kenny) is posted on the right, and holds all the kopjes for a distance of five miles south of the Modder. The Seventh Division, under Lieutenant-General Tucker, is in the centre, immediately south of the river, and General Colvile, with the Ninth Division, is on the north bank.

The Cavalry Brigade, commanded by General French, is posted on the left front, and the Mounted Infantry, under Colonel Ridley-Martyr, on the right front. On the evening of March 2 General French, noticing a body of the enemy trekking north-west, sent mounted troops to intercept them, and stopped the trekking. On March 3 this indomitable General directed his artillery to shell the enemy to the north of the river.

On the Road to Mafeking.

A strong force, including the Kimberley Light

LADYSMITH DURING THE SIEGE: VIEW FROM CONVENT HILL, SHOWING THE SITE OF THE BATTLE OF LOMBARD'S KOP, AND ISAMBULWANA HILL, THE LAST POSITION TO BE EVACUATED BY GENERAL JOUBERT'S GUNNERS.

separated last in India five years ago, broke ranks and rushed at old comrades.

After the march-past the civilians put General White in a landau and dragged it by ropes to headquarters.

The Victims of War.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in the *Morning Post*, says it has cost upwards of 5000 officers and men, in an army only 25,000 strong, for General Buller to relieve Ladysmith.

A list of casualties among non-commissioned officers and men of Sir Redvers Buller's army, incurred during the final advance on Ladysmith between Feb. 14 and 28, was published last Monday by the War Office. It includes the names of 128 killed, 937 wounded, and forty-one missing! And there were more figures to come!

Honour to the Men Who Fed the Ladysmith Garrison.

Quick to offer generous homage to those who deserve honour, Mr. Pearse paid prompt tribute to two British officers in Ladysmith—

"It would have been impossible for the garrison to have held out so long but for Colonel Ward and Colonel Stoneman, the chiefs of the supply department, whose organisation of all branches has been perfect. They fed Ladysmith longer than anybody ventured to hope, and they really saved it.

"We might have held out even under famine for a week, but hardly longer. Horseflesh has

ability and devotion, had an instructive conversation with Reuter's Special Correspondent on the relief of Ladysmith. Mr. Prior pays the highest possible tribute to the courage and heroism of the women, from whom no complaint was ever heard, notwithstanding privations. Their endurance and courage was beyond praise. Sad sights were often to be seen when the sparse rations were drawn, children pathetically seeking milk for sick mothers. Mr. Prior estimates the number of women and children at five hundred. Though there was much sickness arising from a diet of horseflesh and the absence of farinaceous food, the epidemic period had passed. Dr. Jameson was suffering from typhoid fever.

Cronje's Surrender to "Bobs."

The masterly manner in which Lord Roberts surrounded Cronjé's Boer laager on the Modder River was shown last week. The way in which the surrender of the Boer leader was brought about was authoritatively described in these passages of Lord Roberts's own succinct despatch to Lord Lansdowne on Majuba Day, Tuesday, Feb. 27—

"At 3 a.m. to-day a most dashing advance, made by the Canadian Regiment and some Engineers, supported by the 1st Gordon Highlanders and 2nd Shropshires, resulted in our gaining a point some 600 yards nearer the enemy and within about eighty yards of his trenches, where our men entrenched themselves, and maintained their position till morning—a gallant deed worthy of our Colonial comrades, and which, I am glad to say, was attended with comparatively slight loss.

wrote: "The condition of the whole laager and trenches was too frightful for description. The whole river-bank on both sides is honeycombed with trenches, but such trenches have never been before in warfare. They are really underground dwellings, and perfectly secure unless a shell is dropped into the opening from above.

"The laager had been practically destroyed. In every corner were the remains of the fires on which the Boers had made their morning coffee. Joy that the end of the dreadful siege was come was writ large in every face and in every gesture. Men laughed and joked on all sides, and hoped they would soon get a drink of whisky. Nearly all the Free Staters spoke English. They had not a thought about the ultimate result of the war; not a word about fighting for their liberty. All was forgotten in the joy of present deliverance. One man, shaking his fist in the direction of Cronjé, exclaimed, 'D—— you, hard man! You deserve to be shot.'"

General and Mrs. Cronje

passed through Orange River on Wednesday night, Feb. 28, on their way to Cape Town. Cronjé looked dejected and miserable, and his hair is greyer than of yore. General Pretyman accompanied him. Cabined on board one of Her Majesty's ships of war at Simon's Bay, Cronjé will soon recover his spirits.

Lord Roberts's "Day Off."

Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener arrived at Kimberley on March 1. Ex-Mayor Henderson warmly welcomed their Lordships, and thanked them heartily for the gallant and successful relief of Kimberley. Lord Roberts, in reply,

Horse, was last Monday on the march northward from Kimberley to Fourteen Streams, where the railway-bridge has been wrecked. The Canadian Mounted Infantry and a portion of the artillery went to the front.

The *Daily Mail* Correspondent at Mafeking, under date Feb. 19, wired: "We have learned that Pretoria is pressing Snyman to try and take Mafeking and then get south to help the Free Staters. They want him to explain the cause of the delay. He has been for four months 2000 yards from the town with a large force. Why has he not taken it? Snyman can't say; the thing must be Providence, but the Boers do not know. We know why old Snyman has not done it. It is because he can't. No doubt it is Providence, but we don't forget Baden-Powell."

General Gatacre Entered Stormberg

unopposed last Monday. The Boers destroyed the railway approach, but left the station intact.

Brabant Routs the Boers.

General Brabant, wired Reuter from Dordrecht last Monday night, scored a complete victory over the Boers, who are in full retreat with their guns and wagons.

Some smart fighting took place. We lost five or six men, but captured the enemy's fort, and vastly improved our position. The Boers fought tenaciously, contesting every inch of the ground, but they were ultimately worsted and retreated suddenly.

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Moth and Candle.

By G. MANVILLE FENN.

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"LOOK here, Roberts, this must be put a stop to. Our credit is at stake, and we shall be having leaders in all the daily papers directly asking, 'Where are the police?'"

"We can't do impossibilities, Sir," I said.

"But we must, man," cried our chief; "or as nearly as we can! This scoundrel must be pretty well at the end of his tether, so see what you can do."

"I'll try my best, Sir," I said; "but when such experienced officers fail you must not be surprised at anything."

I took my leave, and went home very thoughtfully, to find my young wife growing agitated, and the tears sprang to her eyes as she caught my arm. "You are going away on some serious business!" she cried. "And I am to put your things ready in the portmanteau at once," she said, with a weary sigh.

"Yes, and your own too."

"Oh," she cried joyously, as she sprang to my arms, "I'm to go too!"

"If you 'll be a good girl, and not tell everybody that I 'm in the police."

"As if I am likely to!" she cried.

"That 's right, dear. It won't be so lonely for you; and, besides, you may be able to help me."

"But what is the case, dear?" she asked.

"Scoundrel who has been defrauding quiet country clergymen and maiden ladies. He has had a long innings, and I am put on to bowl him out."

"And you will," said my wife proudly.

She bustled away, and I had my think before we started with a fair amount of luggage, and when I tipped the guard of the night mail just to try how we looked, he smiled, nodded confidentially, and whispered as he locked the door of the compartment—

"Not many passengers to-night, Sir. You and your good lady can have the compartment to yourselves."

I had wired on to Wenton, so that there was someone up at the hotel when we reached the sleepy little town at four in the morning. Here we had a rest, rose again at ten, breakfasted, and at midday we were well in the middle of the Lake District, for my instructions were that the scheming gentleman I was to entrap was strongly suspected of having gone there.

"Looking for the needle in the proverbial bottle of hay, Olly," I said; "but chance helps one sometimes, and if we don't catch him——"

"Oh, look at that lovely lake, dear," she cried, pointing out of the coffee-room window at the glancing water and the steep blue fells beyond. "You will have to work, of course. But isn't it nicer to work in a beautiful place like this?"

"Much nicer."

"Are we going to stay at hotels all the time we are down here?"

"Most likely," I said, and I went on with my lunch and my thinking the while. For there was no one in the hotel, as far as I could see, at all answering to the description of the man I wanted, and there was no one who could by any possibility be made up or disguised.

We had a row on the lake that afternoon, had five o'clock tea at another hotel, returned to our own to dinner, and in the evening I only just looked in at the billiard-room before having one cigar in the smoking-room, where a dark gentleman whom we had noticed at lunch was taking an after-dinner nap.

We spent the next day there, for I felt that I could do no more than dawdle about the district, trusting greatly to chance; and it would have been very pleasant if we had had nothing to do and no anxious thoughts, but of these I had plenty.

Then we took our seats by the coach and had a couple of days at High Water and two more at Glassmere, besides indulging in excursions. Still no luck. Several people we had met at our first hotel were doing precisely the same as we were; so that we made acquaintances after the British ice had thawed a little, the elder tourists treating us benevolently, the younger being disposed to smile, for Olly was thoroughly enjoying her trip, and her manners were—well, no matter. Let it suffice that they were perfectly natural, and people were particularly nice to her.

But everyone was not nice, and it was my wife who opened my eyes to the fact.

It was at Wharfmere, where I had some thought of being on the right scent at last, an invalid staying in the hotel who put me on the *qui vive* at once. He was in the coffee-room at dinner, and I was feeling so comfortably convinced that I was "getting warmer" that I had ordered a pint of champagne to clear my head, when someone arrived late and my wife bent over her plate as the new arrivals were shown to a table at the other end of the room.

"Those nasty people again, dear," she said. "I did hope we had left them behind for good."

"That nigger?" I said coolly. "Yes, I was right; I thought he was following us about."

"You noticed it, dear?"

"Yes; dark moth fluttering about the candle; and his wife doesn't like it."

"Oh! You see everything, dear."

"Wish I could," I replied. "But I believe—don't make any sign—my man 's in the room."

"Oh!" she whispered.

"Yes, I 'm sure of it."

"And shall you take him to-night?"

"No; I'll leave it till morning. Have you any ice, waiter?" I said aloud, and soon after I was sipping my wine softly and feeling very much at ease, but only to be damped when my man rose from table and left the room.

"What 's the matter, dear?" said my wife, who could always read my impassive countenance—as I thought it.

"No go," I said; "I 'm all wrong. That is not the man."

I was so disgusted that we left the Wharfmere Hotel next day, and were driven to Kite's Head; but still no luck, and I felt so hopeless that the next day we went to our very comfortable quarters at Lake's Head, by the falls. Just before dinner our West Indian friend and his lady arrived, and my wife looked daggers.

"Oh, that man!" she said. "He is following us about shamefully. What shall we do?"

"Nothing," I said. "Let him follow."

"But his wife seems to hate me, dear; and it makes it so unpleasant."

"Let the idiot hate her husband. It would be more sensible."

That evening for the first time our dark friend offered me a cigar in the smoking-room.

"One of my own," he said, "from my estate in Cuba."

"Indeed!" I said, and I smoked and praised it.

"You find it too strong?" he said.

"Oh, no. I think it exquisite."

He smiled, showed his teeth, and lay back in his chair to begin trimming his nails, chatting to me the while about his estate and the beauty of Havana till bedtime.

When I went to bed that night it seemed to me that I had smoked a cigar which did me good, and the next morning at breakfast I noted that my new friend came down according to his custom, about ten minutes later than his wife. I had observed it before.

After breakfast I lit a cigarette, strolled out of the hotel, and into the chemist's shop in the high street, where I refilled my cigar and cigarette cases, and made another purchase or two.

That night after dinner I went up to our bedroom while my wife was in the drawing-room, and then investigated the luggage of two people in their bed-rooms, before descending, unseen by the chambermaids, to have another of my new friend's cigars, laughing to myself the while to find how eager he was to be friendly, with cigars and brandies-and-sodas.

That night when we retired Olly begged me to go away from the hotel next day, and I promised her I would if matters turned out as I hoped.

I hardly slept a wink for thinking of my task, though I believe I looked as usual when we went down to breakfast; but my wife did not, for I saw that her eyes looked red, and she complained of a headache.

"You will go somewhere else to-day, dear?" she said.

"Wait and see," I replied shortly.

We went down, my dark friend's companion being already in her place, and she bowed stiffly as we took our seats. Then I noticed that my wife hardly touched her breakfast, while I hastily swallowed a cup of tea and a bit of dry toast, till I saw our gentlemen friend enter and bow to us before taking his place opposite his lady, who looked at him sharply and leaned forward and said something to him which made him half rise; but he sank down again and bent over his plate.

My heart began to beat heavily, and then very slowly and regularly.

"Olly," I said, in the most matter-of-fact way, "my man 's in the room now."

"So you said before," she replied pettishly.

"Yes, but this time I 'm right. Now, look here, I 'm going to take him when he rises from breakfast. You will see that his wife does not go up to her room."

"I?"

"Yes, and if she resists, call the waiters to your help."

All fell out as I expected. Our dark friend was seized with nose-bleeding directly after, clapped his handkerchief to his face, and rose, his wife following; but as they reached the door I followed and proffered my help.

"Oh, it is nothing," he said hastily. "This wretched climate."

"Don't apologise, James Simpson," I said.

He started violently, and his hand went towards his pocket, but I pinned him in an instant.

"No foolery," I cried; "I am armed," and I thrust him back into a chair, just as I felt hands on my shoulders for a moment ere they were snatched away.

"What does this mean?"

"A warrant for your arrest. You 're my prisoner, and the game 's up."

"Help!" he cried. "This man 's mad."

"No, you are," I said, as I clapped on the handcuffs, "mad to trust to that stain. The acid I put in your wash-hand jug last night has pretty well taken it all off. Look here, Sir; a dark gentleman such as you assumed to be always has bluish nails to show his black blood. Yours failed in that particular."

He gave up like a lamb; but his lady was furious, and I found afterwards that it was her hands that had been upon my shoulders, and my wife was holding a tiny revolver she had snatched away.

That afternoon we were well on our way back to town, with a couple of local constables to guard against escape; and next day my chief said the work had been well done.

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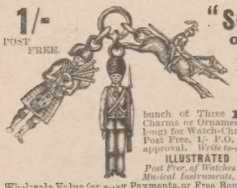

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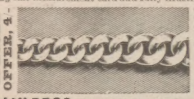

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HOW THE WORLD WAGS.

THE QUEEN has given up her intended visit to Bordighera, as Her Majesty feels unwilling to be abroad at this time.

Her Majesty's visit to London this week of all weeks, coming after the victories at Paardeberg and Ladysmith, could not fail to impart a stimulus to the loyalty of Londoners.

The Prince and Princess of Wales visited Shoreditch last Saturday to open the new workmen's dwellings that have been put up by the County Council on what is known as the Boundary Street area, which ten years ago formed one of the plague spots of London, but which is now covered by well-built tenements fitted with every sanitary appliance, and surrounded by wide streets and open spaces.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his Budget proposals, submitted to the House of Commons on Monday, contemplates the raising of £12,317,000 by additional taxation in the ensuing financial year. Income-tax, which is increased by fourpence, is

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER DELIVERING HIS BUDGET SPEECH.

expected to produce £6,500,000, or more than half the total sum. An additional shilling per barrel is imposed on beer, sixpence per gallon on spirits, fourpence per pound on tobacco, sixpence per pound on foreign cigars, and the tea-duty is augmented by twopence per pound.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach's Budget proposals may be briefly summarised in tabular form as follows—

1899-1900.	
Estimated actual expenditure	£133,810,000
Estimated actual revenue	116,040,000
Deficit	£17,770,000
1900-1.	
Estimated expenditure	£154,082,000
Estimated normal revenue...	116,900,000
Deficit	£37,182,000
Add for contingencies	5,000,000
Add for deficit, 1899-1900	17,770,000
Two years' deficit (round figures)...	£60,000,000
THE WAR, 1900-1.	
Estimated war charges, 1900-1	£38,047,000
Deficit, 1900-1	37,182,000
Excess of war charges over deficit	£885,000

MEETING TWO YEARS' DEFICIT.	
New taxation	£12,317,000
Saving on terminable annuities	4,640,000
Renewal of Treasury bills	8,000,000
Issue of stock or bonds	30,000,000
Reserve for Treasury bills	5,000,000
Round figures...	£60,000,000

NEW TAXATION.	
Income-tax, addition of 4d.	£6,500,000
Produce contract stamps	150,000
Beer, addition of 1s. per barrel	1,752,000
Spirits, addition of 6d. per gallon ...	1,015,000
Tobacco, addition of 4d. per lb.; foreign cigars, addition of 6d. per lb.	1,100,000
Tea, addition of 2d. per lb...	1,800,000
Total new taxation	£12,317,000

S. Robinson. A. Hutchings.

OXFORD-v-CAMBRIDGE. LAST SATURDAY.

THE RACING WORLD.

SANDOWN PARK MEETING was marred for many by the dreadful

Fall Captain Cole Had

when riding Heron in the Maiden Steeplechase on Saturday. Those who saw the mishap could only hope that its consequences would not be as serious as they threatened to be. Unhappily, the gentleman-rider sustained concussion of the brain, and, despite all that Messrs. Izod and Walker could do for him, has never rallied up to the time I write.

Saturday last supplied the two most notable features

In the Way of Form

of the Sandown meeting. One came through the Liverpool Trial Steeplechase, carried off by Captain W. H. Lambton's Romanoff, who is trained by Mr. Arthur Yates, and had already been well backed for the National. Eight of the competitors were engaged in the great Liverpool Steeplechase, and of these it may be said that the winner quite put their chance out of scoring at Aintree.

Romanoff

did not strike me as doing anything particularly great, and I certainly shall not make him my first selection. As a matter of fact, I expect I shall be going for

Manifesto or Montauk.

The first-named will be given the preference over Drogheda, unless the former goes amiss, and I know that his owner has backed him to win a large stake already. Montauk is very much fancied at home, where he certainly tackled good enough to tell his stable whether he can win or not. That he *was* good enough is an opinion held before he was sent to Hurst Park to run in the New Century Steeplechase. The second item to which I refer is

Sailor Boy III.'s Sensational Win

in the Aissele Hurdle Race. Eleven started. Brewer, on one, the Sailor Boy, went off at a good, strong gallop. The other riders were content to potter calmly along, losing ground, till the Australian was over a hundred yards in front, going quite comfortably at that. He waited in front at his own pace, the rest waited behind for him to stop, and though Brewer condescended to let Friary get within four lengths of him at the finish, he could have gone as fast as any of them if he liked.

It is said that Tipperary Boy has had an accident. That will be bad news for the early backers, who were told that he could "stay round a county" and never make a mistake at a single fence.

One hears little of Ambush II. just at present, but

The Prince of Wales's Horse

is doing well, and if Ireland wins the National it must, I expect, be through Ambush.

Sir Geoffrey is at Present all the Rage for the Lincolnshire Handicap.

It is said that he may be ridden by Morny Cannon, who can just about do 8 st. 4 lb. at the opening of the season. Sir Geoffrey may not quite get the mile, but Archer will know all about that. Somewhat curiously, Oban, Mr. Edgar Cohen's Cambridgeshire failure, is also backed. There must be a good race in this horse. Robinson's people would never have backed him as they did last year if he had not satisfied them that he could do much better than appeared through his Newmarket running.

Thursday's

Sale of the Duke of Westminster's

horses at Kingsclere unfortunately was arranged to clash with the second day at Hurst Park, and so a good many sportsmen who wished to be present were unable to go and see what will rank as a historical event. On Monday a bet of £100 was laid that Flying Fox would fetch £40,000 or over.

BENDIGO.

For description of the Sporting Illustrations on this page, see "The World of Pastime," on Page 151.

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE AT QUEEN'S CLUB GROUNDS LAST SATURDAY.
L. T. DRIFFIELD NEATLY SAVES THE CAMBRIDGE GOAL.

C. Bennet. J. Pratt.

THE NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP AT ROTHERHAM.

C. BENNET, FINCHLEY HARRIERS.
WINNER OF THE NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP, HELD AT ROTHERHAM LAST SATURDAY.

THE WORLD OF PASTIME.

THE INTER-UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL MATCH.

THERE was an evenly contested match last Saturday, and some 6000 persons watched the game, which, as usual, was played at the Queen's Club, West Kensington. Cambridge were regarded as the stronger forward, and when it became known that R. E. Foster had injured his ankle and could not appear against them, their chance seemed to be enhanced. Play was of a very spirited description throughout, this being in no small measure due to the persistent

Attacks of Cambridge.

and the successful way in which these were repelled by the Oxford backs and goalkeeper. The Dark Blue backs, W. Blackburn and C. H. Wild, both of Oriel College, were in very fine form, and what they could not manage to deal with the goalkeeper, G. E. Wilkinson, proved equal to. Cambridge were several times most advantageously placed for scoring, but, singularly enough, in these instances the final kicks were of an erratic description. Up to the time of changing ends, Cambridge showed decidedly the better form on the whole, yet Oxford crossed over with the only goal (kicked by Morgan-Owen) scored so far standing to their credit. After change of ends there was no relaxing of effort on the part of Cambridge, for whom L. J. Moon, one of three old Westminsters playing on the side of the Light Blues, worked very finely. Now, however, Oxford showed up rather better in the matter of forward play, C. F. Ryder and G. H. Rowe, both of Magdalen, doing excellently on the left wing. Their tactics were of the unselfish kind, and helped the side materially. The game proceeded without any further scoring until within a few minutes of the close, when Morgan-Owen gave Oxford their second goal. This

Win of Oxford by Two Goals

to none was the eleventh gained by them out of twenty-seven played, of which Cambridge have won fifteen.

The Leagues.

Though Sheffield United had on the previous Thursday been put out of the Association Cup competition by Bury, the Yorkshire club proved quite as good as Aston Villa on Saturday in the League competition. The match was played, too, on the Birmingham ground, to which some 50,000 persons were attracted. Wolverhampton Wanderers were unable to beat Newcastle United, though they did not lose. Sunderland, however, scored over West Bromwich Albion, and so ran to within two points of the "Wolves." Notts Forest, who appear just now to be at the top of their form, somewhat easily disposed of Derby County, but Bury, who did not play their best team, lost to Preston North End. In the Second Division, the leaders, Sheffield Wednesday, added to their points by beating New Brighton, but Leicester Fosse went down before Gainsborough Trinity. In the Southern League both Tottenham Hotspur and Southampton suffered defeat at the hands respectively of Portsmouth and Chatham, while Swindon easily settled their match with Brighton United. The meeting of Millwall Athletic and Queen's Park Rangers was robbed of much of its interest by reason of the fact that the former, in view of their cup-tie match with Aston Villa, played what was practically a reserve team. The Rangers won easily.

Rugby Football.

Two county championship matches were played on Saturday. Northumberland beat Cumberland by 8 points to 6, and Durham beat Lancashire by 13 points to 3. London Scottish, with only one loss on their list of results, encountered Blackheath on Saturday, and the outcome of a good game was a victory for Blackheath by a try to nothing. This was exactly the result of the match between R.I.E.C. and Richmond, the former winning.

England and Scotland

meet at Edinburgh on Saturday in the present week.

The Football Association Cup.

At Reading on Monday the third attempt to decide the match in the third round between Millwall Athletic and Aston Villa, met with success, victory being secured by the former, who scored two goals, while the League leaders could only manage one. While in the first half the Millwall attack was as formidable as that of the Villa, the latter showed to the greater advantage subsequently, but the Southerners then had two goals to their credit, and so paid more attention to defence. The four left in for the semi-finals are Millwall, Southampton, Notts Forest, and Bury, and the matches are to be played on March 24. As Southampton and Millwall are drawn together, a Southern club will appear in the final—the first time since 1883.

National Cross-Country Championship.

Few, if any, of the races for this annual event have been productive of a more interesting struggle for individual honours than that of Saturday last at Rotherham, the race-course providing that condition of track calculated to help matters in this respect.

C. Bennett, Finchley Harriers;

S. J. Robinson, Northampton C. and A.C.; J. Pratt, Highgate H.; and A. E. Hutchings, Bexhill H. and H., headed the field in close order for more than two-thirds of the distance, or about eight miles: then J. D. Harsh, Salford H., joined in, and, later, W. E. Stokes, Birchfield H., and H. L. Gibbs, Finchley H., drew up, and between the time of passing the post of the winner and the seventh man there was but a minute and four seconds. In the result Bennett succeeded in repeating his last year's victory, but Robinson was within twelve yards of him at the finish. Pratt was third, Marsh fourth, Hutchings fifth, Stokes sixth, and Gibbs seventh. The eighth man was G. E. Flint, and this being the third Finchley Harrier to finish, this club's chance seemed particularly rosy. Other members occupied respectively fifteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first places, and the

Finchleians Won with 72 points.

Birchfield Harriers were second with 92 points, Salford H. fourth with 130, Essex Beagles fifth with 144, and then came the holders (Highgate H.) with 169. The success of Finchley Harriers is the first they have scored in the National, though they have previously supplied the individual winner.

Hockey.

North v. South was played on Saturday at Richmond, the former winning by two goals to none. In the England team to meet Ireland at Belfast on Saturday, March 10, but three Southerners have been selected, the remainder being composed of six Northerners and two from the Midlands.

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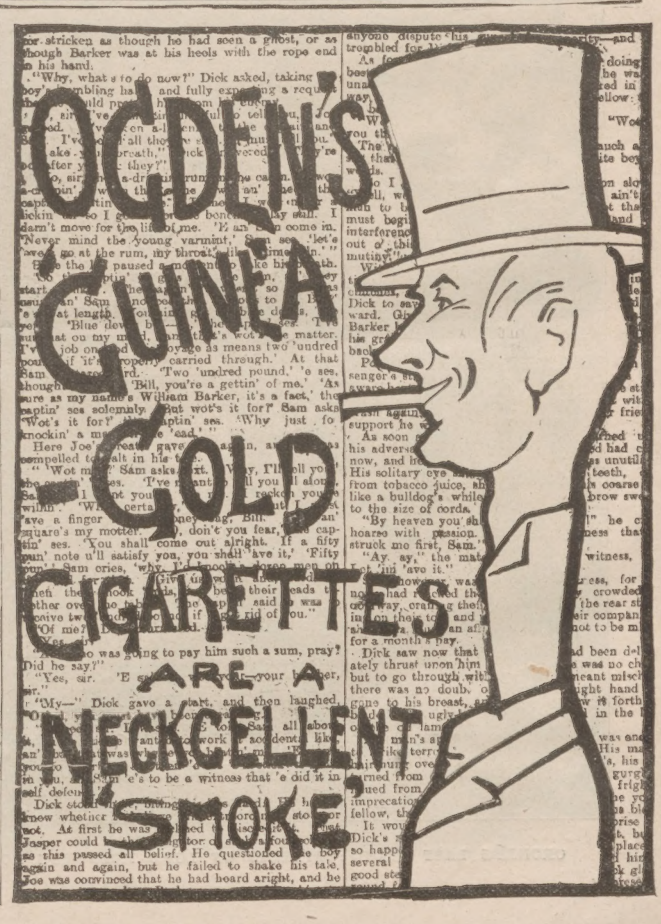

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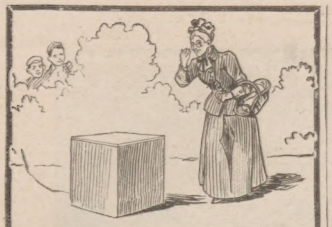

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The Iris.

It is wonderful in what unlikely places the iris grows, and constant travellers in the suburbs of London must have noticed the excellent growth of the plants on the borders of several railway platforms only a few miles out of the great Metropolis. In most cases, this is the German iris, a hardy, evergreen, herbaceous plant, which grows and flowers to perfection in cold, smoky, and other unfavourable situations, and positively luxuriates in a light loamy soil, fairly well enriched. It is admirably adapted for the herbaceous or shrubbery border, or for the margins of lakes or ponds. Their large, handsome, and characteristic flowers are produced in great profusion, every conceivable shade of colour being represented, and the blooms are

THE IRIS.

useful alike for garden decoration or cut flowers. They should be in every garden. The large bulbous Spanish iris, a robust grower, is about 18in. high. The flowers are large and very handsome, wonderfully rich in colour and markings, and valuable for cutting. The bulbs should be planted in September and October, in well-drained sandy soil, with a little sand round each bulb if the soil is heavy. The smaller Spanish iris flowers a fortnight earlier, and its blooms are very lasting. If transplanted in the autumn they do wonderfully well in the following spring, a few clumps I lifted last November having defied the recent harsh weather, and will be in flower in a few weeks if present appearance is anything to go by.

Old English Game.

The hen of which I give an Illustration is a very good specimen of the black-red Old English Game, a very distinguished member of an important family. Aseel, Duckwings, Indian Game, and Malays, all noted in previous articles, come under the same category, but the black-breasted reds are regarded as the chief variety, and they generally occupy the premier position at most shows. The principal points are: Beak slightly curved and stout where set in the head; head rather inclined to be long, not round and bullet-shaped; the least possible indent over the eye gives a snake-like appearance, which is much admired. Eyes bright red, rather prominent, with a fearless expression; neck rather long, and a little arched; short hackle, with the points just meeting between the shoulders, but reaching very

BLACK-RED OLD ENGLISH GAME HEN.

little on the back. Breast round and full; wings strong and not overlong, having great substance at the shoulders, not confined close at the breast, but to be seen a little detached, as if ready to fly at the first intruders; and the points resting over the thighs, but under the saddle. The hen has a body of light partridge-colour, a golden neck hackle, striped with black, and a light salmon breast, with thighs of the same colour, but paler.

Early Peas.

As I expected would be the case, a whole shoal of inquiries has reached me for further particulars of early peas mentioned a week or two ago. Carter's Diamond, an extra early white gem, to be obtained at 237-238, High Holborn, London, at 2s. 6d. per pint, will suit all my correspondents, and this is the pea I would strongly advise them to get.

Books on Poultry.

My Warminster correspondent should get "Suburban Poultry-Keeping" (77, Fleet Street, London) or Mr. Verrey's excellent work, published by Mr. Watmough, Idle, Bradford, Yorks. The latter is, I think, the better book; but money would not be wasted in buying the two.

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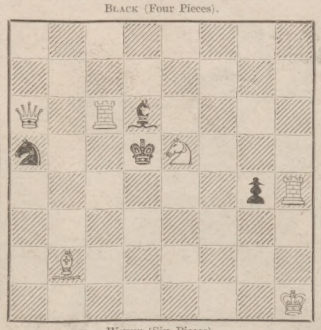
SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 311.

1. Q to K 2nd	P takes Q or R	2. P to B 4th	Mate
1. "	B " P	2. Q to Kt 5th	"
1. "	P " P	2. Q to K 3rd	" etc.

PROBLEM No. 312.—By H. MASTON.
BLACK (Four Pieces).



WHITE (Six Pieces).
White to play, and mate in two moves.

We append one game which Mr. Atkins lost last week to Mr. E. J. Wood, a very promising young player.

WHITE. H. E. Atkins (Northampton).	BLACK. E. J. Wood (Essex).
1. P to Q 4th	P to K B 4th

Much favoured by attacking players, but not theoretically sound, as White can build up a strong Queen's side position.

2. P to Q B 4th	

Black has not only to fear disadvantage on the Queen's wing, as indicated in our previous note, but he may also be assailed in a speculative manner by means of

2. P to K 4th.	
3.	P to K 3rd
3. Kt to Q B 3rd	Kt to K B 3rd
4. Kt to B 3rd	

P to K Kt 3rd is permissible here, so as to spoil Black's plan of getting command of the centre diagonal with his Q B.

4.	P to Q Kt 3rd
5. B to B 4th	

A move of doubtful value.

5.	Kt to Kt 2nd
6. P to K 3rd	B to Kt 5th

Legitimately gaining much time.

7. P to Q R 3rd	B takes Kt (ch)
8. P takes B	Castles
9. B to Q 3rd	

Considering the circumstances of the position, B to K 2nd would have been safer.

9.	P to Q 3rd
10. P to R 3rd	Q to K 2nd
11. B to K 2nd	Kt to K 5th
12. Q to B 2nd	Kt to Q 2nd
13. Castles K R	R to R 1st

If P to K 4th, Black obtains a strong menacing position.

14. Kt to K 1st	Q to Kt 4th
15. B to B 4th	

The Bishop is again ill-placed on B 4th, where he comes within the sphere of attacking influence of Black's K P, which is bound to advance sooner or later, the sooner the better.

15.	Q to Kt 3rd
16. P to B 3rd	Kt to Kt 4th
17. K to R 2nd	P to K 4th

WHITE. H. E. Atkins (Northampton).	BLACK. E. J. Wood (Essex).
18. R takes Kt	Q takes B
19. P to B 4th	P takes P
20. R takes P	

P takes P was the right move.

20.	P to Kt 3rd
21. Q to B 2nd	Q R to K 1st
22. Kt to B 3rd	Q to R 3rd
23. R to K 1st	Kt to B 3rd
24. R to B 4th	

Unless a player sees his way positively to a continuation of attack leading to a definite issue, one is not far wrong in always pronouncing against such manœuvres of the Rook in the middle of the board.

24.	Q to Kt 2nd
25. Kt to Kt 5th	B to K 5th

A well-judged preparatory move to K to Kt 1st and P to K R 3rd.

26. B takes B	P takes B
27. Q to B 2nd	Q to K 2nd
28. P to Kt 3rd	P to K R 4th

If K to Kt 2nd, with a view to P to K R 3rd, White can frustrate the attempt on his Knight by P to Q 5th.

29. R to B 4th	

Now White has no alternative. Black having secured his K R P, he can now reply with Kt takes P, either to P to Q 5th or to P to Kt 4th.

29.	Kt to Kt 5 (ch)
30. P takes Kt	Q takes Kt
31. Q R to B 1st	R takes R
32. R takes R	P takes P
33. Q to K 2nd	K to Kt 2nd
34. Q takes P	Q takes Q
35. R takes Q	P to B 3rd
36. R to Kt 5th	

This move must have been made under time pressure. It practically throws the Rook away. R to B 4th would have led to an easy draw.

36.	K to B 2nd
37. R to Kt 4th	P to Kt 4th
	White resigns.

K to B 4th wins the Rook.

DRAUGHTS.

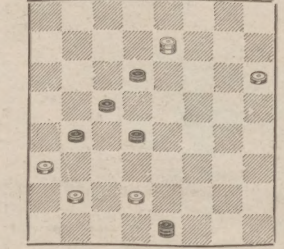
SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 273.—By H. CONNOLLY.

Black: 4, 5, 10, 13, 20, 25K.
White: 12, 22, 28, 11K, 18K.
White to move, and win.

18 15	5— 9	7 10	20—24
25—18K	11 7	15—19	10 7
15 22	10—15	22 18	W. wins.

(*a*)					
10—19	16 14	13—17	9 14		25—29
11 16	5— 9	8 9	22—25		17 22
25 18	14 5	17—22	14 17		W. wins.

PROBLEM No. 274.
By H. GREENWOOD (Cockermouth).
BLACK.



WHITE.
White to move, and draw.

GAME No. 225.
Played by correspondence between Two "HOLY BOYS" (Bombay) and Private A. WOOD (Bareilly).
"The Centre" (*).

11—15	11—16	7—14	27—32	19—23
23—19	24 20	17—10	25—22	28—19
8—11	16—19	19—24	32—27	27—32
22—17	30—26	20—16	3—7	18—27
15—18*	2—7	15—19	27—23(*a*)	32—16
19—15	22—17	10—7	22—17	22—18
10—19	9—13	3—10	23—27	19—13
24—8	20—16	16—11	29—25	17—14
4—11	13—22	18—23	5—9	1—5
17—14	26—17	11—7	25—22	31—26
11—15	19—24	10—15	27—32(*b*)	16—19
28—24	27—20	32—28	7—11	
7—11	12—19	23—27	23—27	B. Wins.
26—22	14—10	7—3	11—18	

Two "Holy Boys" played black.
(*a*) Waiting for what occurred at (*b*).

Rosalind's Fashions.

It is a thousand pities we should have done so, but it is an undeniable fact that the newest toque models show that we have returned to the degenerate chaotic millinery methods of a season or two ago, when many weird mixtures of colour, material, or decoration were collected together in a bewildering heap on one hapless shape, with the most harrowing results on both wearer and beholders.

The only prominent deviation from these aggressively gay and festive toques is shown in the toque of black tulle, chiffon, or mousseline, with a coloured chou, knot of flowers, aigrette, or other supplement, which is a feature of the moment, and a very welcoming one to many, especially to fair-haired women, or those with the uncommon auburn hair which is such a coveted beauty.

* * *

The Toque Illustrated in Fig. 1, for instance, was delicate and refined in colouring, and concentrated to reasonable limits in form. This was built of dove-grey tulle, in the accepted turban shape, and decorated with bunches of pale green grapes and leaves in the front towards the left side. In this sketch is shown a pretty conceit in neck-appointments for outdoor wear, a short boa sprinkled with violets.

A GRAPE-TRIMMED TOQUE.

* * *

The Chic Coatees of last season proved such an immense success that I am glad enough to find they are prolonging their stay with us for yet another season. They are to be worn, however, this year "with a difference,"

THE NEW VELVET COATEE.

being nearly all expressed now in black velvet, and many in black satin. Those of velvet are handsomely embroidered with jet, some again are stitched with white silk, and the example given in Fig. 2 of the coatee up-to-date is of the latter variety. The cut and the mode of stitching are too clearly indicated in my sketch to need further explanation. It opens slightly in front over a frou-frou of white lace falling from the throat, and is finished on either side by a row of white porcelain buttons.

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Frieze Cloth is the most novel spring material yet to hand, and of this is the smart model (built on the very latest lines) which forms the subject of Fig. 3. It will be seen that the skirt is a kilted one, and that the kilts are stitched down to just below the hips, and then allowed to hang freely. A natty waistcoat, fastened with a tiny row of silver buttons, is worn under an up-to-moment bolero, a simulated series of three, one over the other, lessening in size by an inch and a half or so. Small double epaulettes finish the shoulders, and a stand-up collar the neck. The cloth is a pastel blue. A toque of black tulle with a bunch of pink roses and white osprey accompanies this modish gown.

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THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

KATE REILLY FASHIONS.

THERE is such a pleasant flavour of Erin about the name of Kate Reilly that I, for one, feel always favourably disposed to the attractive garments fashioned by this noted modiste at 11 and 12, Dover Street, Piccadilly. Hence it affords me especial satisfaction to reproduce—by courteously accorded permission—from the *Lady's Pictorial* the accompanying drawings of this lady's most up-to-date dresses.

As "Butterfly" observes, the evening dress is of palest blue satin mousseline, veiled first with equally delicate chiffon, and then with mellow-tinted Brussels appliqué, whose own beauty is enhanced by encircling ruchings of blue chiffon and the deft introduction of some black Chantilly lace at the trailing hem.

The bodice is principally composed of the black lace, its beautiful design showing up well over the softly draped blue chiffon, while the Brussels lace is arranged in the form of a deep corselet, and some pink roses fastened at one side give a delightful touch of contrasting colour. And there are long transparent sleeves of the black lace to make one's arm look all the whiter and softer by contrast—and the average woman's arms are much benefited by this suggestion of covering.

As to the day-gown, it displays the smartness of well-made simplicity in every fold of its pale mauve cloth: the bodice fullness held in at the back by a series of tiny tucks, which are repeated on the skirt; while the little vest is of white chiffon, its tucks divided by alternate lines of black ribbon velvet and gold braid of lace-like design, and the finishing touch is given by some white silk buttons embroidered in mauve silk.

Khaki Waterproofs!

What do you think of that notion? I think that it is an excellent material for waterproofs, and I have no doubt it will be very popular. I have seen a new khaki waterproof, called

"The Roberts,"

after our valiant Commander-in-Chief in Africa. It is very smart indeed, with its many pockets and straps, and its gilt buttons, but our officers and men in South Africa do not wear gilt buttons. There are others that are trimmed with navy-blue or red. I fancy that, if women wear

Khaki Blouses,

they would do well to insert white waistcoats, in order to make them becoming.

By the way, lunching last Thursday—the day young London went mad at the news of the Relief of Ladysmith—at Messrs. Baker's well-managed Temple Bar Restaurant, opposite the Law Courts, I came across an instance of chef-promptitude that fairly took the cake—or the pudding in this case. Directly my eyes alighted on the newsy words,

"Ladysmith Pudding,"

on the ménu, I need hardly say I at once ordered a plate. I fancy I have tasted the dish under another name, not unassociated with tapioca. But let that pass. The White pudding was very appetising, and the sweet sauce—presumably Buller sauce—was delicious. What a wild scene of street rejoicing London witnessed that Thursday night! It was unparalleled.

The Scarlet-Caped Nurses and the Doctors of the Princess Christian Hospital for South Africa

(nobly organised and endowed by Mr. Alfred Mosely) were entertained on Feb. 26 by the munificent and large-hearted donor at his fine old Elizabethan mansion, West Lodge, Hadley Wood. Nothing could have been kinder than the reception accorded them by Mr. and Mrs. Mosely. There was a sumptuous and delightful dinner. In the drawing-room Miss Mosely's fine cultured voice gave pleasure, and I have not for some time heard such a charmingly sympathetic violin solo as the exceptionally beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mosely played. To Mr. Mosely and every member of the staff of the Princess Christian Hospital (now on the high seas) we must all wish *bon voyage!*

The Widow's Cap.

A correspondent who has recently been left a widow asks me if she must wear a cap. She is thirty-five, and she has "plenty of pretty hair." I am glad to be able to tell her that she need not wear a cap. It is no longer thought strange for a widow to appear without one, except, of course, in her bonnet, and the white cap renders the heavy bonnet more becoming. Crape is not as much worn on a widow's dress as formerly, and what is known as Priestley's Venetian cloth is a very popular material for the best gown. Black, not mourning, will be very fashionable during the coming season; and that charming silk known as

Bengaline Will be Popular.

Canvas, also, will come in again, worn over colours; and a very open grenadine, in silk or wool, will also reappear.

Short Coats

will replace the long sac, and the wide revers will be covered with white moiré, satin, or bengaline without lace over them, as has been the fashion for some time. Coats and skirts with the ever popular shirt will remain in fashion. The basque of the jackets will be short and smart, instead of long and dowdy-looking.

I forgot to mention whilst on the subject of widows' mourning that, even in the deepest mourning, dresses are

Made in Fashionable Styles;

not, as heretofore, in a fashion peculiar to themselves. Black is never now worn by very young children. White has taken its place, with black sashes, for little girls, and black sailor-collars for boys, with crape round the arm. It is curious that the same post should bring me the query about widows' caps and a request for my opinion on the subject of

Second Marriages.

"Should a widow marry again?" I cannot see that my opinion on this subject is of more value than that of any sensible person who does not happen to write for newspapers! I should be very sorry to dogmatise upon such a subject; circumstances so very much alter cases that it is impossible to lay down any law upon the matter. I think

A Childless Widow is Not to be Blamed for Marrying a Second Time;

but, if she has little children, she should be careful what sort of man she puts in the position of stepfather to them. In the same way, a man must be very careful what sort of woman he puts over his children. A poor widow with a family is often tempted into a second marriage if the man she proposes to take for better for worse has money; but she may have reason to regret such a marriage all the days of her life. It will, perhaps, be gathered from the above remarks that I do not approve of second marriages, and I cannot honestly say that I do; but the majority of both

Men and Women Rush into Matrimony

for the first time with so little thought or care that it is too much to expect them to be cautious about their second ventures.

Homocea

is known to be of use for mitigating the anguish of neuralgia, but I own it is a surprise to me to hear it has been serviceable as armour at the War. I am informed that one of the Colour-Sergeants belonging to the 2nd East Surrey was wounded at Willow Grange, and would have been killed but for a tin of homocea. The shot went through his left breast-pocket into the middle of the tin.

This reminds me that one of

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STORMONT-MURPHY WAR SHIELD.

A correspondent writes for a recipe for

A "Nice Rich Cake"

and the mode of icing. She has failed, she tells me, in icing her cakes, but it is probable that her failure occurred in the baking. Here is a recipe for a fruit cake taken from Mrs. Rorer's "Philadelphia Cook-Book," which, by the way, I can highly recommend to my correspondent. It is published by Gay and Bird, of 27, King William Street, West Strand, London, W.C. Price about 2s.—75 cents, American.

Fruit Cake.

Five eggs, half pound sugar, half pound butter, three-quarter pound currants, three-quarter pound raisins, six ounces citron, half pound flour, half a nutmeg, half teaspoon allspice, quarter teaspoon cloves, half teaspoon cinnamon, quarter teaspoon mace, juice and rind of half an orange, juice and rind of half a lemon. Beat the eggs together very lightly. Beat the butter to a cream, add the sugar, beat again; add the eggs, then the flour and spices, and give the whole a good, vigorous beating. Stem and seed the raisins: clean, wash, and dry the currants; cut the citron into shreds; mix the fruit and flour it well, then add it to the cake; add the juice and rind of the orange and lemon; stir all well together. Line a round cake-pan with greased paper, pour in the mixture, and bake in a very moderate oven four hours. This will make one four-pound cake. If you use liquor, add, before the fruit, one gill of brandy.

Icing for Sauce

is made as follows: "Whites of two eggs, one teaspoonful of lemon-juice, half a pound of powdered sugar. The quantity can be doubled if a greater amount of icing is required. Place the eggs in a refrigerator or some very cold place one hour before using. Break them carefully and beat the whites until frothy, then sift the sugar in gradually, beating all the while; add the lemon-juice, and continue the beating until the icing is fine and white, and stiff enough to stand alone. Keep in a cool place until wanted. Spread with a knife dipped in ice-water. If ornaments are used they must be placed on the cake while the ice is still moist. This may be varied by adding different flavourings, such as strawberry, pineapple, rose, vanilla, etc. Strawberry icing should always be coloured with a few drops of cochineal."

The best plan is put on the icing when the cake is taken

Out of the Oven.

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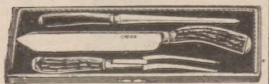

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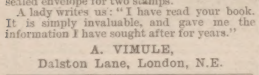

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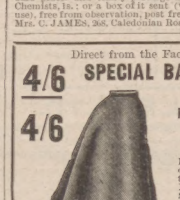

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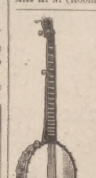

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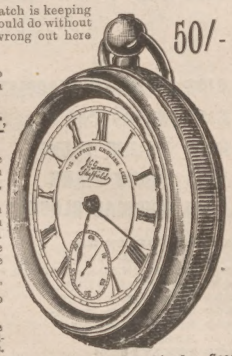

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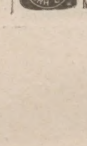

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